Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: What is the distance from Puthenchira to Parur?

Mr. James Simpson: My information is that it is 16 miles.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know from the member whether it is not highly necessary to have a dispensary at Puthenchira in view of the long distance from Puthenchira to Parur?

Mr. James Simpson: There are many places in the State where dispensaries have no doubt to be opened for giving better medical aid. But Government, for the last 2 years, have decided not to open new dispensaries. There are other districts where the people have been wanting dispensaries for some time but Government have not opened them.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: In view of the serious difficulties of the inhabitants of Puthenchira, will the Government be pleased to open a dispensary there in the near future?

Mr. James Simpson: The matter is before Government and it will certainly be considered along with the opening of other dispensaries.

Tax on lands damaged by floods during 1108.

87. * **Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai** (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received reports from the Land Reveve and Income-Tax Commissioner in respect of lands damaged by floods during the year 1108; and

(*b*) if so, whether complete remission of tax for 1108 has been sanctioned in respect of those areas, as per order R. Dis. No. 1311 of 33/Revenue, dated Trivandrum, 25th September 1933?

Mr. K. George (*Land Revenue and Income-Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) No. Government only sanctioned the remission of the proportionate assessment on the Kanni crop for 1109 on lands where the crops completely failed on account of the floods in Edavam 1108.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai: May I know from the member whether he is aware that remission was not granted in respect of Sri Pandaravagai lands?

Mr. K. George: I accept the information from the member.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know from the member whether the Government order mentioned is going to affect all the taluks?

President: You cannot ask for an information.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: Not an information. I want to know whether, as a matter of fact, remission was granted to all taluks which were damaged by the floods.

President: Yes, put it in that form.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know, Sir, whether complete remission was ordered to all taluks where all crops were completely damaged?

Mr. K. George: This remission relates to the damage of crops in the floods of 1108. Wherever there were floods and actual damage, information on that point was received by the Commissioner and remission granted.

Land registered for the depressed classes.

88. ❋ **Mr. V. S. Arumukam Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many acres of land were registered this year (1109) for the depressed classes of Agastisvaram and Tovala; and

(*b*) how many acres were ear-marked for registration in both these taluks?

Mr. K. George: (*a*) No land has been registered for the purpose.

(*b*) Tovala taluk—2559·09 acres. Agastisvaram taluk—Nil.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know from the member whether it is on account of the dearth of applications that the lands ear-marked for registration were not registered?

Mr. K. George: It may be that or it may be that the applicants had applied for lands which cannot be registered.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: The question is whether there were applications for registering lands from the ear-marked area?

Mr. K. George: I have no information.

Experts in the Industries Department.

89. ❋ **Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many experts are entertained in the Industries Department;

(*b*) what is the salary paid to each;

(*c*) what was the amount of T. A. drawn by each every year during the last 5 years;

(*d*) how much money has been spent by Government till now (15-11-1109) for their education, salaries, tour and establishments; and

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly